

**MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT AUTHORIZATIONS  
AND FEES**

- A. Assessment of current general health status: The fees paid by IVRS for medical diagnostic examination services and related procedures are the Medicare rates for that practitioner for the examination or procedures. Payment will be restricted to the specific procedures authorized, unless prior approval is obtained from an authorized IVRS staff member.
- B. Psychological Testing and Evaluation: Services purchased from psychologists are paid for according to the established fee structure. See CPT books for updates.

- C. University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Records: Send release of Information to:

UIHC  
Health Information Management  
Release of Information  
200 Hawkins Drive 2 SRF  
Iowa City, IA 52242-1009

Address R-450 for \$15.00 as follows. This may be held in the local office until the billing is returned from UIHC and submitted to the financial section with the invoice for payment. Federal Tax is 42-600481347.

University of Iowa  
Medical Records Dept.  
200 Hawkins Drive  
Iowa City, IA 52242

- D. Mayo Clinic Records: Requests for already existing medical reports from Mayo Clinic on an IVRS client must be accompanied by a signed and dated Release of Information form and an authorization for \$35.

Send requests, with release and authorization, to:

Mayo Clinic  
Office of Patient Affairs  
201 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue SW  
TO-02-20  
Rochester, MN 55905  
(FAX: 507/266-0447)  
(Federal Tax ID: 41-1888-424)

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- E. Missed Appointments: IVRS does not pay for missed appointments.
- F. Local Mental Health Centers: This section covers the provision of diagnostic and treatment services to VR clients at local mental health centers.
1. DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION: Payment on the R-450 may be authorized to a local mental health center for initial diagnostic evaluation of clients referred by the IVRS staff. Referral of clients to IVRS by the mental health center are expected to include diagnostic work-up and treatment progress reports at no cost to IVRS.
  2. TREATMENT SERVICES: Mental health treatment for mutual clients who are residents of the area customarily served by the center is to be provided under the usual schedule of fees using the Medicare Fee structure when authorized by IVRS. When not authorized by IVRS, fees are based on income and resources, and are the responsibility of the client.  
  
Payment by IVRS for clients who reside outside the customary area served by the mental health center may be authorized on the R-450 using the Medicare Fee Structure when paid by IVRS.
  3. SUMMARY REPORTS: Payments to a mental health center for current reports may be authorized on R-450 at the Medicare fee to defray the cost of copying, transcription, and mailing.
- G. Exams/Services not covered by UCR:
1. Drugs . Authorizations for drugs are to carry the words, "Not to exceed amount allowable by Title XIX+ Section 4, Chapter 155 of the Iowa Code, directs pharmacists to select drug products of the same generic name, but of lesser costs when payment is made by Title XIX or Social Service agencies. Medication and related supplies are not provided to clients during extended breaks in their training (i.e., summers between school years).

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2. Prosthesis - Prosthetic vendors are required to sign a statement that they will not charge IVRS more for any specific device or service than they charge other state or federal programs. Payment is based on use of the R-406 Financial Inventory and Participation Worksheet, unless an exception to policy has been agreed to. Medicare rates should be used when applicable.
3. X-Rays - Request that x-rays be listed separately, with the cost for each shown. A separate fee for reading the x-rays is usually imposed when x-rays are taken in a hospital. Medicare fees are used for compensation.
4. Other . For all other services, devices, and treatment refer to the Medicare or applicable Medicaid fee structure.

\*For updated Medicare rates see the website: [www.noridian.com](http://www.noridian.com)

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